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HAI-NAN MILITARY ACTIVITY CONTINUES

ASKS FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES FROM TAIWAN -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 15 May 49

Gen Ch'en Chi-t'ang (Ueda: 12864, 6641, 5039), the chief administration officer of Hsi-nan, has departed for Taiwan to negotiate with Gen Ch'en Ch'eng (10364, 11018), the Governor of Taiwan, on the possibility of transferring to Hsi-nan American-made military supplies in Taiwan. Enough equipment is desired to equip three armies whose organization in Hsi-nan is now being planned. Approximately 80 percent of the military supplies obtained from the US are located in Taiwan.

HAI-NAN COMMUNISTS MAY INVADE MAINLAND -- Hua Sheng Pao, 16 May 49

According to a broadcast from Pei-p'ing, the Communist forces in Hai-nan are preparing to cross Ch'iung-chou Strait for participation in liberation of South China by the People's Liberation Army. This strait was once crossed by Hai-nan Communist forces in 1948 when they invaded the former French leased territory of Kuang-chou-wan, near Chan-chiang-shih.

Approximately 350,000 persons and 22 isions in Hsi-nan have been liberated by the Communist forces since 1946.

NATIONALISTS TO STRENGTHEN DEFENSES -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 13 May 49

It has been reported that the Central Government has decided to strengthen naval and air units at Hainan. This move will be made in an effort to control the provinces of the Southwest. Several ships have already been sent to the island.

Government troops on Lei-chou Peninsula are taking precautionary measures to prevent 10,000 Communist troops under Feng Pai-chu (13682, 7709, 13720) from invading the mainland. In the past few weeks 600 Communist troops have already crossed. Government forces and a band of Communist guerrillas are also now engaged in a skirmish on the west bank of the island.

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